

Update on CPA's Third Party Certifier Activities

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Certification Activities

- CPA certifies approximately 60 mills throughout Canada, the United States and Mexico through our longstanding Grademark Certification Program. It is the largest such program in North America.
- CPA is working with additional mills seeking to enter a certification program for the first time.
- CPA services members and non-members alike, without preference or fee differences.
- CPA believes it is in the best interest of California and of the industry worldwide that all certification programs are based on sound, verifiable quality assurance principles.



Certification Activities

- CPA became a CARB-approved TPC on May 14, 2008.
- Also in May, CPA opened its state-of-the-art International Testing and Certification Center (ITCC), in Leesburg, VA, and closed its facility in Gaithersburg, MD.
- CPA's Formaldehyde Grademark Program Manual has been revised to include CARB's requirements, and became effective on June 16, 2008.
- CPA developed a new ULEF/NAF Program Manual for qualified products, which became effective on June 16, 2008.



Certification Activities

- Since CPA was approved by CARB as a TPC, we have had numerous inquiries about certifying board around the world.
- CPA is addressing each international inquiry on a case-by-case basis to explore partnerships that are practical, mutually beneficial, and consistent with CPA's commitment to quality assurance.
- CPA does not plan to open laboratories outside North America. Rather, we are exploring partnership opportunities to assist other organizations establish credible certification programs and testing facilities.
- CPA is also exploring opportunities for the ITCC to conduct testing on behalf of other TPC's around the world.



Sample CPA Certification Stamp – Not for Use or Reproduction

•Complies with ANSI A208.1,
HUD 24 CFR Part 3280, and
CCR 93120 (CARB
Composite Wood ATCM
Phase I) Formaldehyde
Emission Limits.



California ARB Approved Third Party Certifier 001

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ITCC Activities

- CPA opened its new state-of-the-art emissions testing facility and certification center in Leesburg, VA on May 15, 2008.
- This 5500 sq. ft. facility includes three (3) E1333 Large Chambers and, initially, one (1) D6007 small chamber; it also includes 21 conditioning bays and room for expansion.
- CPA subcontracts with FPIinnovations/Forintek for E1333 testing for some mills in CPA's Grademark Certification Program. Forintek has one (1) large chamber.





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ITCC Activities

- CPA believes it is in the best interest of California and the industry worldwide that all labs doing CARB compliance testing provide accurate and reproducible results.
- CPA believes it is necessary to conduct inter-laboratory testing with CARB's laboratory and all other new and existing facilities to establish universal proficiency in testing of wood-based composite panels.



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